



FOREIGN NEWS.

ANOTHER OCEAN STEAMER WRECKED.

THE STEAMSHIP BALTIMORE, BADLY DAMAGED BY COLLISION WITH AN UNKNOWN STEAMER—SHE IS RUN ASHORE—THE PASSENGERS AND CREW SAVED.

LONDON, Thursday, May 23, 1872. A dispatch from Hastings announces that the North-German Lloyd's steamship Baltimore, which arrived at Southampton yesterday, on route from Baltimore, was wrecked on the coast of England, and subsequently sailed for her destination, but was met with a disaster which will probably cause her total loss.

At 12 o'clock last night when the Baltimore was off the town of Hastings, she came in collision with an unknown steamer, and had a hole 16 feet long and seven feet wide stove in her hull. The water poured in rapidly and extinguished the fires, not, however, before the steamer had been run aground. The coast guards at Hastings immediately came to the relief of the distressed vessel, and succeeded in rescuing her passengers and crew, and the ship was towed to the shore, where she was run ashore on a rock, and it is probable will go to pieces.

SPAIN.

RESIGNATION OF THE SPANISH MINISTRY—FRAUDS IN THE RECENT ELECTIONS.

MADRID, Thursday, May 23, 1872. At the session to-day of the Congress, or lower branch of the Cortes, Señor Sagasta, the President of the Council and Minister of the Interior, stated that in consequence of the publicity given to the documents relating to the secret funds, the Ministry would resign.

EVENING.—The crisis in the Ministry continues. It is said that several million pesetas of the secret funds of the Government were used during the recent elections for members of the Cortes. Señor Sagasta, the President of the Council, insists upon tendering his resignation. The Ministry has called in Señor Sagasta for consultation relative to the formation of a new Cabinet should the present members insist upon their determination to retire.

The Government troops in Gerona have had an engagement with the Carlists in that province, and completely defeated them.

FRANCE.

CONVICTED COMMUNISTS TO EMBARK FOR NEW-CALIFORNIA.

PARIS, Thursday, May 23, 1872. Henri Rochefort, whose departure for New-California has been delayed, will sail to-morrow for that island, together with several other persons who have been convicted of participation in the communist revolt.

The Paris journals of to-day generally agree in the expression of the opinion that the debates in the Assembly on Tuesday and Wednesday inflicted a crushing blow to the hopes of the friends of the Empire. The *Journal des Debats* says the result of the discussion is a parliamentary Sedan. It is understood that the party of the Left in the Assembly will, after the close of the impending trial of Marshal Bazaine, demand the impeachment of the members of the last Ministry under the Empire.

THE ERUPTION OF VESUVIUS.

INTERESTING NARRATIVE BY AN EYE-WITNESS—TORIES OF LAVA—MANY VILLAGES DESTROYED—SCENES AND INCIDENTS IN NAPLES.

(FROM AN OCCASIONAL CORRESPONDENT OF THE TRIBUNE.)

NAPLES, April 30.—An eruption of Vesuvius is an event which does not occur every century. It has appeared as every one. It has driven from their homes, at least for a time, from 20,000 to 30,000 persons. The vast majority have returned, for they were only panic-stricken; but many are homeless, some in the hospitals, others dead. On Wednesday, the 24th April, was the first grand display, and crowds of foreigners, and the great mass of the new comers, and some recently-returned emigrants, sent forth five currents of lava, which, pursuing their course—some toward Torre del Greco, others toward Resina—threatened to devour those places. An eruption so strong, while it filled all who witnessed it with apprehension, was yet fascinating from its beauty, and gave indications of yet a greater eruption. During the day the lava seemed to be spent; two principal cones only discharged vast columns of smoke into the air, and for some time Vesuvius, comparatively tranquil without, trembled from internal labor.

It was about 4 o'clock in the afternoon that the crater of which I have already spoken as being near the city, and, on the 25th, at 4 o'clock, a current which may be called a river. It was pursuing its course when a new crater, not far distant, began to play, sending forth, in the first instance, a volume of smoke and fire mixed with stones which fell near the Observatory. Most of those who then stood between the crater and the foot of the cone were severely burnt, roasted—some of them are dead; but this is not the place to enumerate the victims. The two currents, meanwhile, one on the right and the other on the left of the Observatory, pursued a very rapid course. Such was the state of things until 9 a.m. of the 26th April, when, in a moment, the aspect was entirely changed. Vesuvius began to throw up columns of stones into the air, and with such ferocious and continuous roaring that they could be heard at the foot of the mountain. The lava, on the left of the Observatory, advanced quickly; other affluents swelled its proportions, issuing as they did at a certain distance from the Fosso della Vetrana and the Fosso del Farnese. Massa di Somma had been already covered by it in part, and some portion of San Sebastiano; and it was coming down toward Corella. Happily it stopped; but Massa, a township of 9,000 inhabitants, and San Sebastiano, have suffered much, though not to the extent which has been stated by the Press.

The stream on the right of the Observatory, after running a short distance, stopped; but another current from an immense opening in the mountain flowed down in the direction of Torre del Greco with a most menacing aspect, and fortunately stopped at a distance of half a mile. The lava, on the left of the Observatory, advanced quickly; other affluents swelled its proportions, issuing as they did at a certain distance from the Fosso della Vetrana and the Fosso del Farnese. Massa di Somma had been already covered by it in part, and some portion of San Sebastiano; and it was coming down toward Corella. Happily it stopped; but Massa, a township of 9,000 inhabitants, and San Sebastiano, have suffered much, though not to the extent which has been stated by the Press.

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THE GREAT FIRE IN YEDO.

DESTRUCTION OF A LARGE PORTION OF THE CITY—FIVE THOUSAND EDIFICES IN RUINS—TWENTY THOUSAND PEOPLE HOMELESS.

(FROM THE REGULAR CORRESPONDENT OF THE TRIBUNE.)

YEDO, April 30.—On the afternoon of the 3d inst., at about 3:30 o'clock—the hour when the little foreign community of the center of Yedo finds itself at leisure each day—a fire broke out in a building formerly occupied by one of the great Daimios, but more recently used as barracks for the soldiers who guard the inner entrances to the Mikado's castle.

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THE KU-KLUX BILL.

A NUMBER OF INFLUENTIAL REPUBLICAN REPRESENTATIVES OPPOSED TO IT—PHOEBUS A. BURNETT (BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.)

WASHINGTON, May 23.—It is probable that the House will take no action upon the Ku-Klux bill. A number of influential Republicans are opposed to it, and declare that they will vote against it, and among them are such influential men as Messrs. Garfield, Farnsworth, Finkenburg, Blair, Hay, and Ambler. A still larger number regard the measure as an egregious political blunder, and will oppose taking it up for action, but at the same time say that if it should come to a direct vote, they would be pressed as a party measure, they might feel compelled to vote for it.

Among this class are several Southern Republicans, who are shrewd enough to see that their prospects for reelection will be damaged if they support it. If it becomes a law, the Democrats are inclined to oppose a motion to suspend the rules for the purpose of bringing the bill before the House, and, of course, can defeat such a motion if they please. If they are assured, however, that 15 or 20 Republicans will vote with them to lay the bill upon the table, they will make no objection to taking it up. This is clearly their true policy. A square vote upon the bill would show just how much strength Grant can rally to give him the power to reflect himself by the aid of martial law. There is good reason for believing that the result would be a crushing defeat of the Administration, and an important triumph for the Democrats.

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MR. COBURN'S REVENGE.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE MILITARY COMMITTEE GETTING EVEN ON CINCINNATI—HE FINDS ONE VICTIM.

(BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.)

WASHINGTON, May 23.—Mr. Coburn, Chairman of the House Committee on Military Affairs, after keeping silence three weeks, made an attack to-day upon Mr. E. V. Smalley, late clerk of that Committee. He charged him with being a "thriftless scoundrel as a Tribune correspondent, and a worthless clerk of the Committee."

Gen. Garfield spoke in favorable terms, from his own knowledge, of Mr. Smalley's conduct as clerk for many years before Mr. Coburn was appointed upon the Committee, and Mr. Hay, now on the Committee, bore testimony to his efficiency and fidelity up to the time of his dismissal. So explanation or reply to Mr. Coburn's unjust attack is hardly necessary. The only specification which Mr. Coburn made in support of his charge of malicious falsehood, was that the Tribune had reported in its Washington dispatches that he had expressed in his Committee a motion to summon Mr. Ben Pitman as a witness. The report was not given as an absolute fact, but as a credible rumor, as all the reports of doings of Committees which hold secret meetings have to be. The accuracy of the reports of the Tribune investigation, which have appeared in the Tribune, has never been questioned by any member of the Committee, and had they been untrue, would have been promptly corrected by the Tribune.

Mr. Coburn did not say, to-day, that he had voted in favor of calling Mr. Pitman. In support of his charges, he produced a copy of the Tribune, showing that he had voted in favor of the Committee, paying him \$2 a day, and receiving \$2 himself; and, further, that the proper books and records of the Committee had been destroyed by Mr. Coburn, after a full understanding with Mr. Coburn, and with his approval, employ and pay Mr. H. H. St. Clair, a man who had been employed by the Committee, to destroy the records of the Committee, and to direct the Chairman's documents and remain in the room at all times when the Committee was in session. He had no right to give attention to his duties as a journalist. He attended every meeting of the Committee, except on the day of his dismissal, and he had been in the room at all times when the Committee was in session. He had no right to give attention to his duties as a journalist. He attended every meeting of the Committee, except on the day of his dismissal, and he had been in the room at all times when the Committee was in session.

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